

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 175(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/24/12

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS MCGUIRE, Ellis, Davis, Giessel, Dyson, Huggins, Thomas, Wagoner, Stevens

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; and providing for an effective date."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.45.050 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 08.45.050. Restrictions on practice of naturopathy.** A person who  
5 practices naturopathy may not

6 (1) give, prescribe, or recommend in the practice

7 (A) a prescription drug, except as provided in (b) of this  
8 section;

9 (B) a controlled substance;

10 (C) a poison;

11 (2) engage in surgery;

12 (3) use the word "physician" in the person's title.

13 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.45.050 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

14 (b) Notwithstanding (a)(1)(A) of this section, a person who practices  
15 naturopathy may give, prescribe, or recommend in the practice a device or, in a form

1 that is not a controlled substance, an herbal or homeopathic remedy, a dietetic remedy,  
2 or hydrotherapy.

3 (c) In this section,

4 (1) "dietetic remedy" means nutritional therapy, nutritional counseling,  
5 a nutritional substance, vitamins, minerals, or supplements to promote health and to  
6 diagnose, treat, or prevent disease, illness, or conditions;

7 (2) "herbal remedy" means a substance derived from or a concentrate  
8 or extract of a plant, tree, root, moss, or fungus;

9 (3) "homeopathic remedy" means a remedy defined in the current  
10 version of Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States;

11 (4) "hydrotherapy" means the use of water in all forms and  
12 temperatures to promote health and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and  
13 conditions.

14 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).